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COTTON QUALITY REPORT FOR GINNINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1943
Southeastern States

The Food Distribution Administration reports that cotton ginned during the last half of October in the Southeastern states was only slightly lower in grade than cotton ginned during the first half of the month except in North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee where ginnings were more definitely of lower grade during the latter period. The average length of staple was practically unchanged from that reported for the first half of October except in Virginia where ginnings were significantly shorter the last part of the month.

Ginnings for the season through October 31 were higher in average grade than last year in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Virginia; about the same as last year in South Carolina; and lower than last year in North Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee. The proportions representing Middling and higher grades for season to date are as follows: Georgia - 46%, Alabama - 57%, North Carolina - 40%, South Carolina - 34%, Mississippi - 58%, Tennessee - 36%, Florida - 49% and Virginia - 22%.

The average staple length was longer than last season in Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida; about the same as last year in Alabama; and shorter than last year in North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. For the season to date the proportions representing 1 inch and longer staples are as follows: Georgia - 51%, Alabama - 36%, North Carolina - 75%, South Carolina - 92%, Mississippi - 87%, Tennessee - 71%, Florida - 63%, and Virginia - 74%.

Upland cotton ginned through October 31 this season with comparisons to a year ago were reported by the Bureau of the Census as follows: Alabama 861,071 bales and 807,758, Florida 13,310 and 14,299, Georgia 752,739 and 768,222, Mississippi 1,563,359 and 1,685,434, North Carolina 501,168 and 509,583, South Carolina 613,314 and 611,395, Tennessee 384,942 and 472,055, Virginia 15,288 and 14,578. Based on conditions as of November 1 the latest official estimated production of cotton this season with changes from the previous report by states are: Alabama 950,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, unchanged, Florida 16,000 unchanged, Georgia 845,000 increase of 25,000, Mississippi 1,820,000 increase of 20,000, North Carolina 610,000 decrease of 50,000, South Carolina 700,000 unchanged, Tennessee 500,000 decrease 10,000, and Virginia 25,000 unchanged.

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